

Announcing
the Publication
of the
MANUSCRIPT
of
A LOST LINCOLN
SPEECH

FOR more than sixty-five years Lincoln's last speech in the campaign of 1858 has been considered a lost speech. Fortunately Lincoln deemed its preservation of sufficient importance to write it out in longhand and deliver the copy to "cousin Lizzie Grimsley" for safe-keeping. From this copy the speech is published.

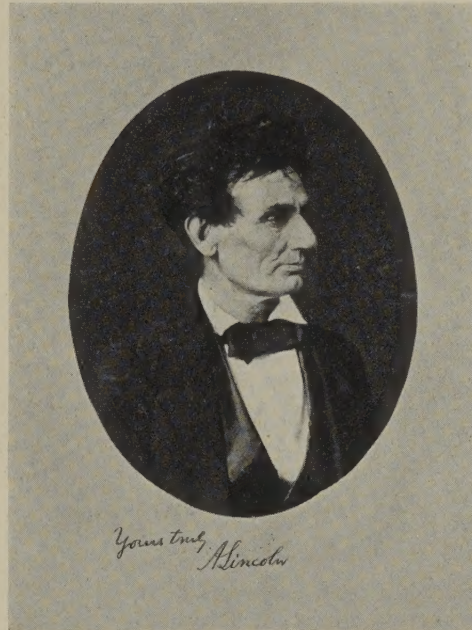
Introduction

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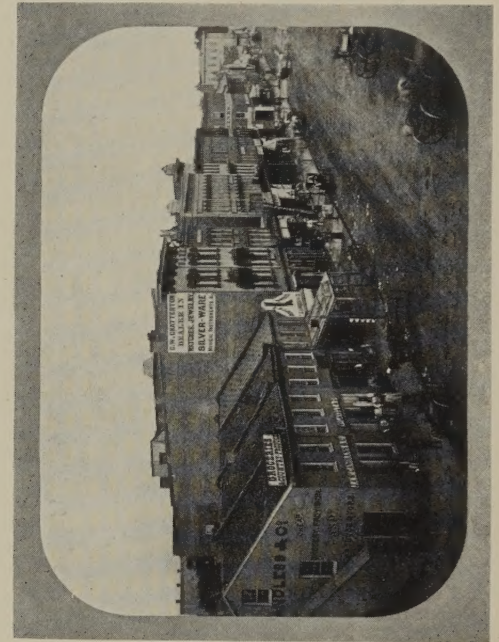
"In the election of 1858 Lincoln met defeat, but the ordeal that singed the politician, disclosed the statesman. * * * But of deeper interest is the recognition that this long forgotten speech marks a turning point in Lincoln's career, that in its brief paragraphs the last echo of Lincoln the politician is lost in the resonance of the clearer note of Lincoln the statesman."⁶¹

Lincoln's Speech



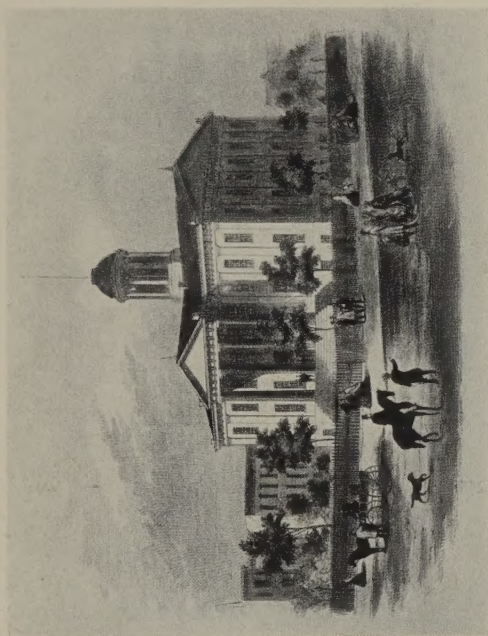
"My friends, today closes the discussions of this canvass. * * * I stand here surrounded by friends — some *political*, *all personal* friends, I trust. May I be indulged, in this closing scene, to say a few words of myself. I have borne a laborious, and, in some respects to myself, a painful part in the contest. Through all I have neither assailed, nor wrestled, with any part of the constitution."

A Newspaper Account



A contemporaneous newspaper account of the rally—"At 2 o'clock, the vast multitude being congregated around the stand, Mr. Lincoln began his speech. We have neither time nor room to give even a sketch of his remarks today. Suffice it to say, the speech was one of his very best efforts, * * *. The conclusion of this speech was one of the most eloquent appeals ever addressed to the American people."

A Letter



A letter from one who was present at the rally and heard the speech — "The speaker's stand was erected against the State House fence. Lincoln stood six or eight feet south of the corner. On the stand with him were John M. Palmer and S. M. Cullom. * * * There was a well-dressed, self-important looking man on a fine horse, who pushed his way in, up close to Lincoln, and when Lincoln said * * *"

This is one of the very few speeches written out and preserved by Lincoln and is probably

*The Last
Important Manuscript
OF LINCOLN'S
which remains unpublished*

The book contains 32 pages on Artmat paper, quarto with facsimile of the first page of the original manuscript and full-page illustrations from original contemporaneous photographs and prints and is bound with cloth back and paper sides and label.

This book has been published in a small edition under the title, "Lincoln's Last Speech in Springfield in the Campaign of 1858." It may be ordered through your bookseller or direct from the publishers, at \$1.50 net, \$1.70 postpaid. It is a most important addition to the library of every Lincoln collector.

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